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No Diablo

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to urge you to not extend Diablo canyon's operating license. To do so would be ignoring the fact that this is an aging facility which was originally designed to operate for 25 years, and to extend the license would only increase the likelihood of a catastrophic accident occurring.

Let us not forget that Diablo sits on a major earthquake fault and should have never been allowed to be built on a seismically active site. The radioactive waste stored there now is an ever present danger in itself. We don't need to add to it, and therefore add to the chance of an accident occurring.

Let us also remember that the once through cooling system they now use would never be approved today.

PG&E's past record is dismal with regards to public safety and repairing infrastructure as evidenced by the recent wildfires they have been responsible for. It is clear that profit is their main goal.

In fact, they would not be planning Diablo's closure if it were profitable to run it longer. Only the bailout money being offered to keep it running may change their minds. So once again we taxpayers are being asked to subsidize a major corporation to keep it profitable. For what? So we can kick the can further down the road concerning moving to clean renewable energy.

When you looks at the whole fuel cycle, Diablo is not a clean energy source.

- 1) The milling, mining and enrichment of the uranium fuel utilizes the burning of fossil fuels and thus it is not a totally carbon free solution.
 - 2) If a nuclear plant operates without an accident it still causes an increase in cancer deaths in communities near the plant.
 - 3) The thermal pollution caused by Diablo has already negatively affected the local marine ecosystem.
 - 4) A typical nuke will produce 20 to 30 tons of high level radioactive that needs to be isolated from people and the environment for thousands of years.
- This does not seem like a green energy to me.

In fact, if it wasn't for the Price Anderson act which limits the liability that utilities are responsible for, nuclear plants would never have been built in the first place.

How much and how many times do we need to subsidize this totally inappropriate form of energy?

Please vote no on extending the life of this costly mistake.
Thank you,
John Beccia and Sheila Wynne